

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wet-type multiplate clutch comprising:  
a rotary outer member and a stationary inner member;

5           a first frictional engagement element provided to the outer member and a second frictional element provided to the inner member, the first frictional engagement element and the second frictional engagement element being alternately and coaxially  
10 arranged; and

          a piston for axially pressing the first frictional engagement element and the second frictional engagement element into frictional engagement with each other;

15           wherein the first frictional engagement element is provided with oil grooves that are inclined against a rotational direction of the first frictional engagement element.

20           2. A wet-type multiplate clutch according to Claim 1, wherein the first frictional engagement element is a friction plate to which a friction material is secured.

25           3. A wet-type multiplate clutch according to Claim 2, wherein the friction material is secured to the friction plate in a state in which plural

friction material segments are arranged circumferentially with gaps therebetween, the gaps forming the oil grooves.